

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): SHIPPING-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND SHIPPING-MANAGEMENT METHOD

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- ☒ 20 pages of Specification/Claims 1-4/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-5; 5 sheet(s)) is/are attached.  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2002-381010 filed December 27, 2002 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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+145 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

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RATE	FEE
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x 18	\$ 0
x 86	\$ 0
+290	\$
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